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COMPOUND Ni₃Al FOIL HAVING
ROOM-TEMPERATURE DUCTILITY
AND HEAT-RESISTANT
INTERMETALLIC COMPOUND Ni₃Al FOIL
HAVING ROOM-TEMPERATURE DUCTILITY
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Sir:

Applicants in the above-entitled application hereby claim the date of priority under the International Convention of Japanese Patent Application No. 300249/1999, filed October 21, 1999, as acknowledged in the Declaration of this application.

A certified copy of said Japanese Patent Application is of record in the grandparent application Serial No. 09/692,543, filed October 20, 2000.

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